

Clinical or Community Partnerships

Lamar University ADN & BSN

Memorial Hermann Baptist Hospital, Beaumont, TX

CHRISTUS St. Mary Hospital, Port Arthur, TX

Lamar University utilizes adjunct clinical instructors from the local hospitals. The hospitals have provided BSN prepared nurses who partner with a masters or doctorate prepared university faculty member to teach a clinical group of ten to fifteen ADN students. The university gives the hospital sponsored clinical instructor adjunct faculty status. The hospital continues to pay the adjunct clinical instructors and releases them from their usual duties to teach the nursing students. This structure provides the nursing program one to two FTE positions per semester. The course leader orients the adjunct clinical instructor to the course materials.

Approximate cost of implementing and maintaining partnership: no cost

Grant monies used: no

Expected benefits from partnership:

- enables the nursing program to provide effective learning experience for the nursing students
- nursing program is able to maintain communication between the nursing program and the clinical affiliate
- enroll and graduate more nurses

Challenges from partnership: none listed

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CHRISTUS St. Elizabeth Hospital, Beaumont, TX

The Medical Center of Southeast Texas, Port Arthur, TX

Renaissance Hospitals, Groves, TX

Lamar University utilizes nurses from the local hospitals in the role of clinical preceptors. The hospitals provide RNs who work one-on-one with nursing students in the clinical setting for up to 128 hours during the capstone experience in the last semester of the program. A university nursing faculty oversees the learning process. The clinical preceptor receives the tuition waiver credit for herself or her child. The hospitals reward RNs who volunteer to serve as clinical preceptors in a variety of ways ranging from advancement on the career ladder to extra salary. The course leader orients the clinical preceptors to the role expectations and evaluation process. Collectively, the hospitals have provided preceptors for up to 60 students in a semester.

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Lamar University utilizes adjunct instructors from each of the local hospitals. The hospitals have each provided one to two masters prepared nurses to teach a clinical group of ADN students. The university gives the hospital sponsored teacher adjunct faculty status. The hospital continues to pay the adjunct faculty member their salary but releases them from their usual duties to teach the nursing students. This provides the nursing program up to two FTE positions per semester. Although the adjunct faculty teaches the clinical group in her own hospital, she attends meetings with other course faculty on-campus to coordinate the learning experiences. The course manager orients the adjunct faculty member to the course material, evaluation tools and grading processes.

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Partnerships with Other Nursing Programs

Lamar State College-Port Arthur ADN

Lamar State College-Beaumont

Lamar University

The three programs continue to share resources acquired during the THECB grant. The Lamar State College-Port Arthur faculty is teaching mental health simulations for Lamar University-Beaumont. The Lamar University faculty is teaching critical care simulations for Lamar State College. Each program is responsible for paying their own faculty. The simulation lab at Lamar University is being used by all programs.

Approximate cost of implementing and maintaining partnership: \$1,060.50

Grant monies used: yes, THECB grant

Expected benefits from partnership:

- students will continue to benefit from the simulations which were developed during the grant period and will have an enhanced clinical experience in an area where clinical facilities are limited

Challenges from partnership:

- main challenge is scheduling, which is especially difficult if all students are to have the benefit of simulations

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